

February 7, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Asst. Chief Harms; Attorney Higgins; Judy Thomann – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; Sue Shelton; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any questions or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. Chief Harms stated he would like permission to use the credit card for FDIC training in Indianapolis, April 26 – 27. He added the admission is being paid for and they would need hotel and meals. He stated there will be four of them from the department attending.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. He stated the first item is to open quotes received on the Sawmill Storm Sewer work.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated Comm. Maynard contacted her earlier in the week, and this has been postponed. He wanted to do a walk-through with all of the potential quoters, and he was not able to get all of them together yet.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is ADA Sidewalk Standards, and Judy Thomann from BLA is present for this. He added BLA was hired previously for Phase I of this.

Ms. Thomann stated they are now ready for Milestones 3 and 4, they have already done Milestones 1 and 2. After some initial discussion on the standards, Ms. Thomann suggested the standards could be obtained from Matt with BLA. She then continued by stating she has a contract today for Milestones 3 and 4, which Attorney Higgins is currently reviewing. What they will be doing is an inventory of all intersections and curb ramps. After the inventory is completed, the information will be added into the GIS, and this will allow Comm. Maynard to determine what needs to be fixed first. She then stated this helps cover the city in terms of compliance.

Board member Fuelling asked if this addresses cracks in sidewalks and narrow sidewalks?

Ms. Thomann replied yes and it also requires that sidewalks be 6' wide to be ADA compliant.

Board member Fuelling asked if all new sidewalks have to be 6' wide and if so, this will tie into their zoning as well.

Ms. Thomann replied yes, it will tie into zoning.

Board member Curtis asked if now, from this point forward, this must all be in compliance.

Ms. Thomann replied yes. She then stated they are actually more concerned with ramps than sidewalks. She continued by stating they will be looking for elevator access, Braille signs, push buttons on doors, etc.

Mayor Tucker stated the city has to do it, but at least they have time to get it done.

Board member Fuelling stated he can understand about the intersections. He then moved the Board approve the contract, with revisions per Attorney Higgins concerning additionally covered buildings, priced at \$30,300 as quoted, and that Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign when finalized. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Attorney Higgins stated the city is getting ready to get aggressive on dilapidated buildings and they need things to be up to date. She would like to hold a public hearing on March 7 on a new performance bond schedule.

Board member Curtis asked who determines how much time is given to get a building into compliance ?

Attorney Higgins replied the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer determines that, based on the amount of work that needs to be done. He added there is no set number of days, again, it is determined by the amount of work to be done. There are no guidelines for that.

Board concurred in favor of the hearing.

Board member Curtis moved the Clerk-Treasurer publish the notice of public hearing. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling stated he would also like to move that the Park & Recreation money appropriated in line 432 of the EDIT budget (\$15,000) remain in that line, for their use only, and that the city does what it needs to, to ensure that it remains untouched. Seconded by Board member Curtis. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added in the event that other lines in that category go over, as was the case in 2012, an additional appropriation would be needed to ensure the Park gets their full \$15,000.00.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any further discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling continued with New Business by moving that the city continue to pay the water and Vectren bills at the riverfront, Phase I, in all of 2013, until the budget is set by the Park for 2014. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer